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In re Patent Application of: Jeff EDER

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For: Automated method of and system for identifying, measuring and enhancing categories of value for a value chain

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**LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir or Madam:

It is well known to those of average skill in the art that the best method for preparing data for use in computational analysis depends on a variety of factors. The declaration under rule 132 being filed concurrently makes it clear that one of the factors that determines the most appropriate type of data preparation for computational analysis is the level of aggregation at which the data will be analyzed. Because the Assignee's applications describe a variety of different applications that analyze data at different levels of aggregation the disclosures describe a variety of methods for data preparation. To avoid further confusion a table is being provided on the next page that shows some of the different factors that affect the choice of data preparation methods and the methods of data preparation used in corresponding Asset Reliance applications.

If the Examiner is uncertain as to which type of data preparation is being used, then please do not hesitate to send an email with any question(s) about data preparation to [ipcommittee@asset-trust.com](mailto:ipcommittee@asset-trust.com).

| Data preparation goals include:   | Type of entity                     | Level of analysis/<br>Type of analysis                             | Disclosed data preparation method includes:  | Pending ARI applications include:  |
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| Create integrated database  | Commercial business                | Element and sub-element/<br>Primarily Financial                    | Integrating data in accordance with a common schema that includes common data dictionary               | 08/999,245; 09/938,874; 09/761,670; 10/097,344; 10/282,113; 10/283,083; 10/287,586; 10/298,021   |
| Support organization processing (includes continuous financial analysis) and creation of an integrated database | Commercial business                | Element and sub-element/<br>Primarily Financial                    | Integrating data in accordance with xml and a common schema where the schema is defined by metadata    | 09/688,983; 09/764,068; 09/940,450; 10/012,375; 10/025,794; 10/036,522; 10/166,758; 10/441,385; 10/645,099; 10/743,417; 10/743,616; 10/746,673; 10/747,471; 10/750,792; 10/821,504; 11/142,785; 11/167,685; 11/278,419; 11/278,425; 11/360,087 |
| Support organization processing (includes continuous financial analysis) and creation of an integrated database | Commercial business                | Element, sub-element and <u>item</u> / Primarily Financial         | Define standard definitions, convert, integrate and store data in accordance with standard definitions | 10/046,094; 10/748,890 and 10/861,014  |
| Support organization processing (includes context processing) and creation of a Contextbase                     | Commercial business and individual | Element and sub-element / Financial and Non Financial              | Ontology Integration   | 10/237,021, 11/262,146 and 11/268,081  |
| Support processing (includes context processing) and creation of a Contextbase                                  | Varies by application              | Element and sub-element / Financial and Non Financial              | Ontology integration or schema integration   | 11/094,171; 11/279,104 and 11/358,196  |
| Support processing (includes context processing) and creation of a Contextbase                                  | Varies by application              | Element, sub-element and <u>item</u> / Financial and Non Financial |  | Applications are being prepared for filing   |

Respectfully submitted,

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